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SUBJECT: NEW FRG AMBASSADOR TO UGANDA

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1. FRG AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE TO UGANDA, JURGEN KLEINER, HAS JUST INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT QUESTION MARK HANGING OVER HIS ASSIGNMENT TO KAMPALA DUE TO HIS WIFE'S RECENT ILLNESS HAS BEEN LARGELY REMOVED AND HE NOW DEFINITELY PLANS TO GO TO UGANDA. BECAUSE OF WIFE'S ILLNESS AND PERSONAL PROBLEMS HE HOPES FOREIGN OFFICE IN BONN WILL ALLOW HIM TO DELAY KAMPALA ARRIVAL UNTIL EARLY JULY, AND NOW PLANS TO BE IN BONN FOR ONLY FIVE WORKING DAYS EARLY IN JUNE. DUE SHORT TIME IN BONN HE HAS ASKED AMBASSADOR IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO BRIEF HIM HERE IN SEOUL ABOUT REPORTING AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES HE WILL UNDERTAKE ON OUR BEHALF.

2. BIO INFORMATION REQUESTED REFTEL AS FOLLOWS: BORN IN MARBURG FORTY-THREE YEARS AGO, KLEINER ATTENDED FRANKFURT, COLOGNE AND MARBURG UNIVERSITIES, GRADUATING AS A LAWYER. HE ENTERED GERMAN FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1964, HAD ONE YEAR ATTACHE TRAINING AT GERMAN UN MISSION IN NEW YORK, THEN
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FOLLOWING PASSAGE DIPLOMATIC EXAMINATION 1966 SPENT ONE YEAR IN THE CULTURAL DIVISION OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE, THREE YEARS (67-70) ON CONSULAR WORK IN OSLO, AND FOUR YEARS (1970-74) ON UN DESK AT FOREIGN OFFICE. SINCE 1974 HE HAS BEEN COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY AND DCM AT GERMAN EMBASSY SEOUL.

3. KLEINER IS IN OUR JUDGMENT MOST OUTSTANDING EUROPEAN

DIPLOMAT IN SEOUL. ALTHOUGH HIS MISSION'S POLITICAL INTERESTS HERE ARE NOT MAJOR, KLEINER IS BETTER INFORMED AND MORE ACTIVE THAN ANY MAN IN TOWN OUTSIDE AMERICAN, JAPANESE AND AUSTRALIAN EMBASSIES. HE IS HIGHLY INTELLIGENT, GREGARIOUS AND, AS GERMANS GO, RELAXED. HE ALWAYS SEEKS US OUT AT SOCIAL OCCASIONS AND HAS COME TO EMBASSY OFTEN TO COMPARE NOTES ON POLITICAL AS WELL AS OTHER MATTERS AND HIS PERCEPTIONS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN BROADLY BASED AND ACUTE. HE SEEMS DECIDEDLY PRO-AMERICAN AND SYMPATHETIC TO AMERICAN POLITICAL EFFORTS WORLDWIDE. WE BELIEVE HE WILL PERFORM WHATEVER RESPONSIBILITIES HE UNDERTAKES FOR US WELL, SYMPATHETICALLY, AND WITH DEDICATION.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: SUGGEST GUIDANCE FOR KLEINER'S MISSION ON OUR BEHALF BE FORWARDED AND CONVEYED TO HIM HERE IN SEOUL. IN ADDITION, KLEINER WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WE HAVE REGARDING SCHOOLING FOR AMERICAN CHILDREN IN KAMPALA. HE HAS TWO SMALL CHILDREN IN SIXTH AND THIRD GRADES WHO SPEAK EXCELLENT ENGLISH, AND IS CONSIDERING PUTTING THEM IN AMERICAN SCHOOL IN KAMPALA, SINCE HE BELIEVES GERMAN SCHOOL HAS OR WILL SHORTLY GO OUT OF BUSINESS BECAUSE THERE ARE SO FEW GERMAN-SPEAKING CHILDREN.
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